



Event managers have faced many challenges since March 2020 to comply with the on-going changes delivered to our industry relating to the new/guidelines and regulations regarding social management for group events.

The RSA has collaborated extensively with its insurers Allianz International and its industry regulators, IOPD to create an event operation formula that mirrors that of other main motorsport event regulators including Motorsport UK and Motorsport Ireland with the objective to safely reconvene motorsport on the island of Ireland with consideration of the world pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus.

Our next event in this era will take place at The Shackleton Industrial Complex in Ballykelly on Saturday the 29th August and we wish to make the 'new normal formula' a very clear message to all RSA competitors and new friends of how we must comply to reduce personal contact and to convene motorsport while a vaccine has yet to be approved. We realise that some of us will not welcome some of these changes but we ask our competitors to be patient and compliant so we can continue to provide our events to the same high standards expected by all of RSA in these different changing times as we concur with our industry partners and developing governmental policies. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **DRIVERS BRIEFING**

**Welcome to The Rallysport Association at Shackleton. This event is our sixth following the Coronavirus lockdown period and we would like to thank you for your support. We are all aware of the 'new normal' social guidelines delivered by government to control the management of the virus and we as event managers have a responsibility for your and everyone's health and safety in these unprecedented times.**

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# **Rallysport Association**

We need to slightly alter the event formula of our events to satisfy these guidelines so please read and digest all the following information. There will not be a 'Drivers Briefing' at this event as all the relevant information is contained herein.

**EVENT FORMAT:** Each competitor will be offered a non-timed, slow speed observation run through the single stage followed by seven timed runs. The fastest five runs will be taken as the competitors score.

Each stage will be ONE COMPLETE RUN of the rally stage.

If for any reason we will be unable to offer seven runs the results will be determined from each competitor's five fastest runs.

**PIT ORGANISATION:** Each competitor will be allocated a lane location for the duration of the event so please make your way to the 'pit lanes' no later than 9.15 and follow the pit attendants' instructions. The lanes are an important part of the success of each competitors event as it is intended to 'seed' cars of similar performance together to minimise the possibility crowding on the stage and to give each competitor the cleanest of runs as possible. If for any reason you feel the seeding allocated to you is not suitable please feel free to discuss the issue with the pit attendants. There are lanes for dual driven cars, junior competitors, newcomers and one make series (Mini Cup/Micra Challenge) so it is your interest to be 'lined up' as early as possible as late arrivals may be given no choice on seeding position. Please start each timed run from the same lane.

The pre start area in our pits could have 130+ cars parked so please have you or your assistant stay with the car at all times to avoid the possibility of a 'road block' during the live running of the stage. Please also recognise the current 'social distancing' requirements while present in this congested area.



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If your vehicle requires service between runs please do so in your service bay zone and not in the pre start laned area. Do not stop in the access road to or from this area – we always require these roads to be clear.

Each stage run has a time window and if for any reason you 'miss' the window you will not be excluded but the stage maximum allocated will be included as one of your 'dropped' scores. Due to the advantages and disadvantages of the potential of different track conditions throughout the event you will not be offered the opportunity to take your missed stage outside of the window.

There will not be a Live Timing Display at this event however the stage by stage results will be displayed in the reception building.

## **START:**

Please always follow the Start Marshals instructions . This person basically controls the event and makes lots of decisions both on the start line and out on the stage through radio contact with all marshals and support crew. All starts should be taken from a stationary position unless otherwise directed. Ensure racewear and your safety harness is properly fitted on arrival at the start line and that the drivers window is no lower than 1" (25mm) from the closed position. Start immediately the Green flag is raised by the marshal. If for any reason you cannot make an immediate start or stall, DO NOT START until directed by the marshal again to do so.

**FINISH:** Please be aware of other competitors near you at the flying finish. Do not brake violently and slow progressively. Slow appropriately while passing the timekeepers vehicle to ensure the proper recording of your competition number.



**FLAGS/USE:**

- RED** Run has been terminated – please slow and return to the pits
- YELLOW** Warning of track danger (Obstruction by car, bale etc) - drive with caution
- BLUE** You are being advised that a faster car is approaching you and that we expect you to cooperate with a 'clean' pass by moving off the racing line and indicate if possible. Our marshals are also Judges of Fact and can issue penalty advice for drivers who fail to cooperate with this instruction.
- Black** A problem has been identified with your vehicle (oil/fuel spillage, overheating or fire). Please slow, drive with caution and return to the pits.
- X ON BACK OF VEHICLE** This is a temporary notice to aware other competitors that the driver is inexperienced and requires special consideration. Do not intimidate or harass. Mandatory for new juniors.
- NO PLATES:** Your competition number for this event, which can be provided by us at Signing On should be fitted to both sides of your vehicle on the rear quarter window or as instructed (similar placing on buggies). Ensure that the number is not obscured by other images and that any other competition numbers have been removed or made illegible. Ensure the number is securely attached, is clearly visible throughout the event and that dual driven cars have the correct number displayed.



**BREAK DOWN:** In the event of a vehicle breakdown on the stage, endeavour to leave the normal 'racing line' clear so that other competitors can continue past without undue interruption. Remain with your vehicle and protect/shield yourself from potential danger from other competition vehicles. We will organise recovery when suitable or at the latest at the end of the stage session.

**OIL/FUEL SPILLAGE:** Liquid spillages from race vehicles can seriously affect the performance of an event and can cause considerable and expensive damage to track and road surfaces. To advise the competitor of this major issue our marshals will display both the BLACK and RED FLAGS at the same time. Competitors must immediately move from the 'racing line' and STOP

**SAFETY:** Racewear must comply with our regulations which are available on the RSA website and be properly fitting and available for inspection at scrutineering. This racewear must be worn in competition together with a properly adjusted safety harness.

Only vehicles that have been passed at scrutiny will be permitted to compete.

Driver substitutes are strictly forbidden

A maximum speed of 5mph (walking pace) is permitted 'off stage' and in the service and pit area.

To align with the current social distancing guidelines, only the driver and one regular passenger are permitted in competition cars during the event.

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**Juniors (12 -17 yrs) must still have an adult co-driver, however they must be from the same household.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION: Please take responsibility for your personal rubbish and either take it away or put it in the bins available.**

**The prizegiving will take place 20 minutes after the last competition vehicle returns to the service area and will take place in front of the reception area. Please observe the current social distancing guidelines.**

**The final results will not be printed for distribution at the event however they will be displayed (pictures can be taken) and will also be available to download from the RSA website from 6pm following each event.**

**The next events will be held on Saturday/Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September at The Pallas Motorsport Centre in Tynagh, Co Galway.**

**Welcome back to another RSA event and we hope you have a great day.**